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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 4), the period for response to which extends through January 5, 2004 (January 3, 2004 being a Saturday), please amend the application as follows.